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Time of Plenty

Hickory nuts a-clatterin' down,
Leaves and vines, all turnin' brown;
Squirrels gatherin' nuts to store,
All the wild geese flyin' o'er.

Pears and apples lyin' round,
Corn shocks standin' on the ground,
Bins and garner's filled and heapin',
Autumn's store of plenty keepin'.

Walnuts yieldin' up their store.
Cabbage, onions, beets galore;
Jellies, pickles, and preserves,
More than mortal man deserves.

Huge woodpiles where'er you go
Put to scorn cold winds and snow;
Full and plenty all the way.
Thankful hearts. Thanksgiving Day.

November

1960

DIRECTOR

CHARLES A. COLLIER

EDITED BY

BARBARA J. RANKIN
RECREATION DIRECTOR



The Department of State Parks is pleased to have the opportunity to welcome to Georgia, the Southeastern State Park Directors Conference. It has been some time since Georgia has had the privilege of being host to this group, and we feel that since the last conference here, we have made considerable progress.

Visitors from all Southeastern States have been represented in Georgia's parks in the past year, sharing in the enjoyment of our parks in the Southeast. Certainly the administrators of these park areas should share in ideas and plan together for the future.

Let's hope that with the challenge of rapidly expanding needs in recreation that the Southeastern States will have adequate appropriations and trained leadership to meet the responsibility of furnishing the people of our states the recreation facilities they need and deserve.

PARK SUGGESTIONS

As Mr. Collier, our director, announced in February of last year, we will award a prize to the best suggestion submitted to the Park Views during the last eight months. This award will be given to a superintendent at our In-Service Training Program in Cordele during the month of November.

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We are pleased to report that Mr. Collier is feeling much better and is progressing in his recovery at a rapid rate.

We, in the General Office, certainly hope that he will be back very soon.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Southeastern State Park Directors
Conference - November 2-3-4
Ida Cason Callaway Gardens
Pine Mountain, Georgia

In-Service Training Program
November - 15-16
Georgia Veterans Mem. State Park
Cordele, Georgia

Thanksgiving Day - November 24

Georgia District Camping Conference
April 14-16, 1961

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HOW NOVEMBER GOT ITS NAME

November was the ninth month of the year in the old Roman calendar. Its name comes from the Latin "novem" which means "nine". Though the month became the eleventh in the Julian calendar, it retained its name.

THE FLOWER OF THE MONTH

The chrysanthemum is one of the oldest known flowers. It has been grown in Japan for nearly two thousand years and is the national flower and Imperial emblem of that island country.

The large showy blossom was introduced into Europe late in the 17th century, but not before 1847 was it brought to America.

Chrysanthemums are welcome flowers, for they appear from late August to December, when most other blooms are tucked away for the winter.

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Shall we not pause one moment on
our way,
As we make joyous, carefree holiday
To think of those Novembers long
ago?
Of stony ground the Pilgrims toiled
to sow;
Of rivers bridged; of tangled fores
cleared
To pave the way for cities we have
reared;
Of schools and churches built; of
brave lives spent,
For liberty and faith and high
intent;
Shall we, whose blessings are so
richly poured,
Forget to say a simple "Thank you
Lord"?

Author unknown

We live in deeds, not years; in
thoughts, not breaths; in feelings,
not in figures on a dial. We should
count time by heartthrobs. He most
lives who thinks most, feels the
noblest, acts the best.

Phillip James Bailey

FIRE BUILDING AND FIREPLACES

As soon as you are through cooking, or whatever you are doing with the fire, begin to put it out. This is especially important if you are out for the day and must go away and leave the spot later.

- (a) Let fire die down as much as possible.
- (b) Scatter coals, break up big pieces, knock logs apart.
- (c) Stir coals--and sprinkle with water--then stir again. Repeat until there are no live coals--under the logs or in the middle.
- (d) If you have no water, put on sand or dirt, and stir thoroughly.
- (e) Cover with rocks or dirt--and check carefully before you leave.

FIRE SAFETY HINTS

Don't build fires when you are alone
 Don't "play" with fire
 Use fireplaces to enclose fires
 Clear ground around fireplace so wind cannot blow a spark into leaves, grass, etc.
 Dig a trench in ground if it is windy or if there are no stones or logs to enclose fire; pile dirt and sod to one side and replace when through
 Build small fires

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KOLOMOKI MUSEUM

Kolomoki Museum was opened on Sunday, October 16. There were over 500 people in attendance at Sunday's ceremony. The main speaker was Mr. Joe Mahan, curator of the Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts. The Early County High School furnished the music for the program, and after the ribbon cutting by the Daughters of the American

Revolution, the visitors were allowed to see the new museum.

A history of the Indian civilization is depicted by showing the hunters, the village life, the farmers, and the crafts. From this background the history of the Kolomoki and Weeden Island tribes are shown by displaying pottery which was found in the excavation of Kolomoki Mound.

Everyone seemed very pleased with the museum, and the Department of State Parks was certainly happy to improve this park facility.

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THANKSGIVING

In the autumn of 1621, the Pilgrims at Plymouth thankfully saw their first harvest in the New World gathered after death, danger, and endless work. In gratitude to God for the bounty He had bestowed upon them, they set aside a day of thanksgiving. Wild turkeys which roamed the New England forests provided the main course of their meal and the turkey has become a symbol of this day.

In 1630, the Massachusetts Bay Colony adopted the holiday, and it spread throughout New England, becoming a day of feasting. In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln appointed the last Thursday of November as a day of national rejoicing and thanks to God. This since has been changed to the third Thursday in the month.

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The greatest and perhaps the only perfect gift that we can give to the world is the gift of ourselves at our best, and that means not just the skill of our hands and the cunning of our brains, but our dreams, our finest resolutions and most solemn promises to ourselves.

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THE OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN RECREATION SOCIETY

The Outdoor Recreation Committee met in Washington during the National Recreation Conference.

The following needs were recommended. First, developments throughout the country. Adequate land left in a natural condition should be available within a reasonable distance from homes of city dwellers. Such land should be secured as soon as possible, even though funds for development are not available. How such lands should be used and what developments would be essential would vary from community to community. The present demands and wages indicate that some of the following types of developments and areas are needed--camps, outdoor education and day-use areas for youth groups. Also, after experiments have been conducted it has been found that work--recreation programs within the community settings or in the camp setting would be most beneficial. This committee also found that in the coming years well-trained and competent leaders in the various phases of outdoor recreation will increasingly be needed.

There is need for the development of more outdoor recreation training programs, both by colleges, universities and by public agencies. It was also recommended that the U.S. Forest Service should remove its restrictions on such services as naturalist programs and recommend that they establish these in appropriate areas under their jurisdiction.

The Outdoor Recreation Committee felt that the rising tide of school education programs should be encouraged. Park and recreation authorities should cooperate in these programs as they provide an ideal setting for the achievement of many of the purposes of parks and recreation. In many cases both

the land and services of governmental agencies should be used by schools. This committee also felt that education for the wise use of natural resources should be overwhelmingly supported in the program of schools, camps and volunteer agencies. Such conservation programs should be included a consideration of scenic, scientific, historic, and recreation resources as well as other aspects of conservation emphasis should be given to the wise use of outdoor areas and the development of schools relating to such use. This Outdoor Recreation Committee is chairmaned by Ray Carlson of Michigan State University.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations to Lee Willcox for 15 years of faithful service to the State of Georgia!!!

Mr. Willcox will be presented with a 15-year Faithful Service Award at the In-Service Training School to be held on November 15-16.

Lee Was connected with the Department of Revenue for a period of approximately five months. Since that time, he has served continuously as the Superintendent of Little Ocmulgee State Park at McRae. As such, he has made many friends, and is known throughout the State for his pleasant efficient manner and his hospitality to all visitors to Little Ocmulgee.

Lee is a native of Telfair County, having been reared in McRae. He is married to the former Miss Blanch Winn, and they have two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Willcox have recently returned from a pleasant vacation in Wisconsin, where they visited one of their daughters.

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STATE PARK NEWS

STEPHEN C. FOSTER - Lt. Governor Garland Byrd and family, Senator and Mrs. Wallace Jernigan of Homerville, Georgia spent the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of September at S. C. Foster Park. They also took a boat tour into the Okefenokee Swamp.

The Christian Science Magazine wrote a nice story in their September issue on Stephen C. Foster State Park and Swamp.

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HARD LABOR CREEK - A residence is being built for the shop foreman, Mr. Harold Hunter; upon completion, Mr. Hunter will move with his family to Hard Labor Creek.

LAKE RUTLEDGE REVAMPED - The State Game and Fish Commission in cooperation with the State Parks Department began a program to improve fishing at Lake Rutledge located at Hard Labor Creek State Park, October 1.

The first step in this program will be to lower the water level of the lake back to the old creek channel. This will be done to facilitate removal of large quantities of rough fish that is causing much of the poor fishing in Rutledge at present. No game fish or catfish will be removed during this operation.

A fertilization program will also be carried out while the lake is being held at this low elevation.

The lake will be allowed to fill on March 30, 1961 and will be stocked with Threadfin Shad and Largemouth Bass.

Fishing will be prohibited in the lake for this period from October 1, 1960 to March 30, 1961 while the work is going on.

Supervision of the program will be under Leon Kirkland of Madison, Fisheries Biologist for the Game and Fish Commission.

Mr. Kirkland stated that "Both the Game and Fish Department and the State Parks Superintendent are sorry for the inconvenience caused local fishermen by closing the lake for this short period. However, the improved fishing as a result of this program should more than compensate for this loss."

Lake Brantly, in the Park just above Lake Rutledge will remain open to fishing as usual.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS - Progress has been slow in the re-opening of the Jeff Davis Museum, but new cases have been delivered and future progress will be much faster.

The theme for the 16 wall cases will depict Jefferson Davis' life including the Confederate Cabinet members, Confederate Generals of Georgia, the site of the last Cabinet meeting, and the route Jefferson Davis took before he was captured at Irwinville.

Red velveteen is being placed in back of all cases, and completion of this museum should be around December 1.

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UNICOI - The new residence being built for Lat Vandiver, Superintendent of Unicoi, is nearing completion.

VOGEL - The weekend of the 23rd 1,500 people visited Vogel Park, Mr. Akins reported that this was the largest crowd he has had since he has been at the park.

UNICOI PARK IN BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS HAS HISTORIC PAST

There's hardly any place that will surpass historically interesting Unicoi State Park which sprawls lazily over the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Georgia--for sheer beauty and enjoyment.

In the heart of the once famous Unicoi Gap the park offers an abundance of things to do, or a world of restful scenery and relaxing atmosphere from just sitting. The modern housekeeping cabins, at oldfashioned prices, are

complete in every detail--except lights, but no television and no

linens. There are electric telephones to rudely inter-

rupt your pleasure. horseback riding on volleyball or tennis for the more hardy for delightful refreshing

For the active folk there is mountain trails, and boating. And this time of year,

spring-fed lake or the pool. The Unicoi Turnpike

swimming in natural immaculate which went

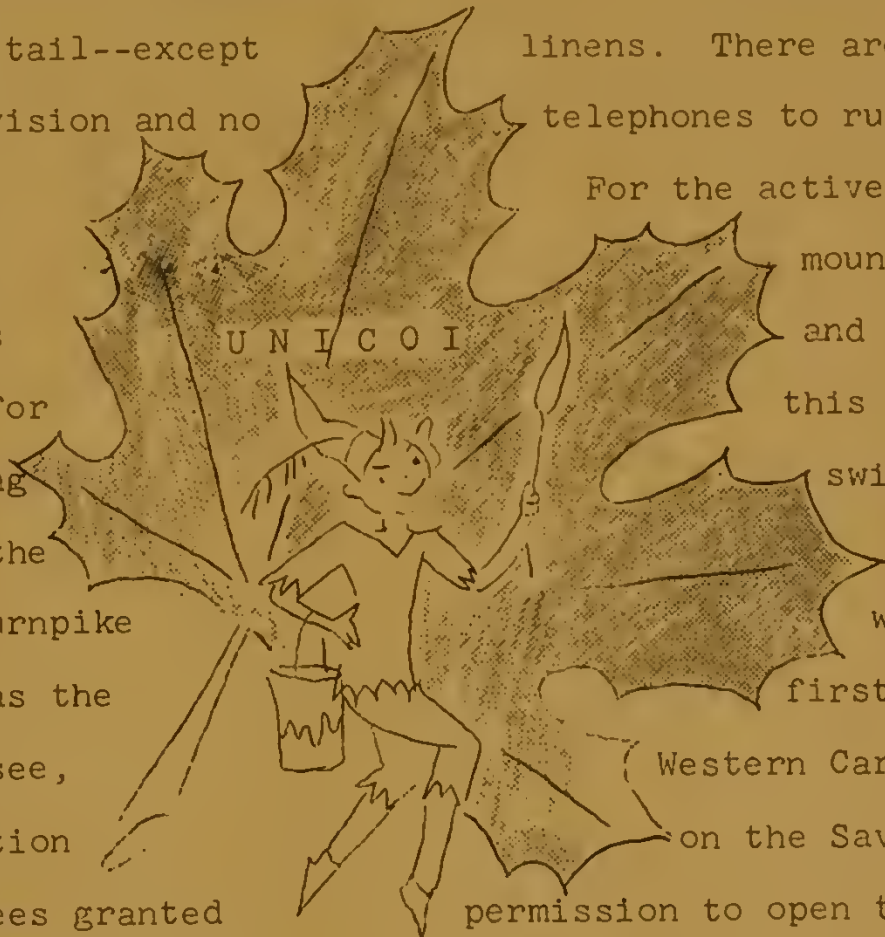
through this area was the to link East Tennessee, Georgia with navigation

first break-through Western Carolina and North on the Savannah River

System. The Cherokees granted

permission to open the toll road

back in 1813 and prior to that time it had been a trading path.



Not far from the park, at Nacoochee, the first white settlers in this area built their campfires about 1822. A trading post was established, and Indians traded gold nuggets and gold dust for the white man's wares. It was in this area, too, that soldiers in 1838 gathered the Indians from the surrounding valleys and highlands to begin their famous "Trail of Tears" to the West. According to legend, the Nacoochee Indian Mound en route to the park is the ancient Cherokee town of Guaxle--visited by DeSota in 1540

UNICOI (Continued)

in search of gold. The Town House stood on this mound and a scared fire burned unceasingly.

Unicoi Park now boasts of a 50-acre lake at the foot of Tray Mountain; a combination public bath-house and pavilion with concession stand; picnic areas and beach, and an organized group camp area with facilities for 100 campers and staff.

Now is a wonderful time to visit Unicoi. Anytime is. But now that the sumac and the dogwood, the maple, the sourwood and the black gum have begun to put on fall color, it is perfectly delightful--even inspiring. Now the park is getting restless and changing to its autumn costume--as once its native Indians prepared for a ceremonial dance.

As the weeks roll by, the color gets brighter, the scene more varied until it reaches a climax in late October and bursts forth with a masterpiece of brilliance--as only nature can provide.

The park is reached by Ga. 17 & 75

The McDuffie Progress
Thomson, McDuffie County, Georgia

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GEORGIA RECREATION SOCIETY

The Georgia Recreation Conference was held at Jekyll Island, October 16-19, with over 160 in attendance. Mr. Howard Jeffrey, Executive Director of the American Recreation Society explained what the American Society meant to professionals recreation workers. He told about the national plan for registration and certification of recreation workers.

Mr. Cliff King of Douglas, Georgia is the new president of the Society, and the Department of State Parks wishes him every success in the new recreation year.

PART OF
CREDO FOR THE RECREATION PROFESSION

I Believe --

THAT RECREATION is of, and for, all the people; and that therefore, the purpose of my profession should be to administer Recreation as a public trust, so as to multiply opportunities for happiness regardless of age, race sex, creed, or condition in life.

THAT FAIR PLAY is the keynote of my profession, and that by my example, I should strive to instill its spirit in those under my supervision; that this spirit will be evidenced in my respect for self, loyalty to employer, allegiance to governing authority, regard for the general public, comradeship with the many who work in the recreation movement, and in my conception of society.

THAT THROUGH the enrichment of my own life, I should commit myself to the pursuit of happiness, well-being and self-expression for other people, to the end that all children may have a chance to grow, to stay normal, and to find life both good and satisfying.

THAT I SHOULD be proud to be recreation worker, proud of the growth the profession has made in adding to life's dimensions, proud of its humility and its readiness to criticize itself, proud that it recognizes its own shortcomings and desires to improve its standards of work.

THAT BECAUSE of my pride in my profession I should strive, by my life and work, to keep the standards its great leaders before me have set.

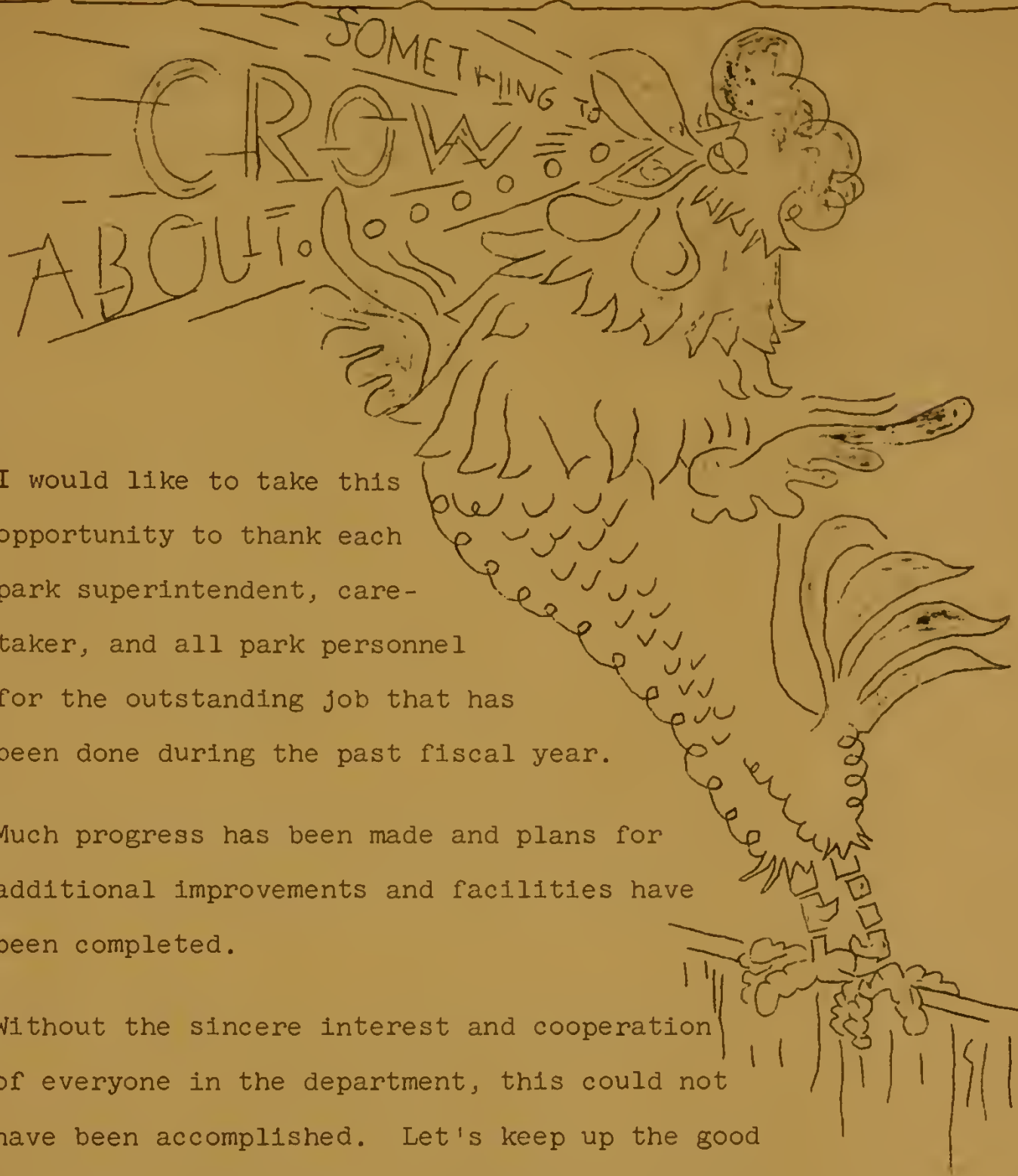
AMERICAN RECREATION SOCIETY

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Happiness is best attained by learning to live each day by itself. The worries are mostly about yesterday and tomorrow.

Michael Nolan

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank each park superintendent, caretaker, and all park personnel for the outstanding job that has been done during the past fiscal year.

Much progress has been made and plans for additional improvements and facilities have been completed.

Without the sincere interest and cooperation of everyone in the department, this could not have been accomplished. Let's keep up the good work and strive to make the coming year even more successful and really put "Georgia State Parks on the Map"

Sincerely,

Henry D. Struble
Henry D. Struble
Assistant to Director

ATTENDANCE REPORT - AUGUST, 1960

A. H. Stephens	1,030
Amicalola	4,700
Bainbridge.....	36,100
Black Rock.....	34,117
Bobby Brown.....	3,011
Chehaw	4,200
Cloudland Canyon.....	6,582
Crooked River.....	13,109
Elijah Clark.....	23,698
Fort Mountain.....	10,884
Fort Yargo.....	245
Georgia Veterans.....	30,955
Hard Labor Creek.....	18,924
Indian Springs.....	12,940
Jefferson Davis.....	520
Kolomoki.....	16,000
Laura S. Walker.....	9,545
Little Ocmulgee.....	11,932
Magnolia Spring.....	16,000
Red Top Mountain.....	8,091
Reidsville.....	3,378
Seminole.....	5,154
Stephen C. Foster.....	601
Unicoi.....	19,200
Victoria Bryant.....	5,110
Vogel.....	63,140
George W. Carver.....	16,151
TOTAL	375,317

ALL TOTAL 440,317

NO REPORT:

ESTIMATE:

Nancy Hart	2,000
Senioa	8,000
Lincoln	1,500
Yam Grande	10,000
Keg Creek	5,000
Roosevelt	25,000
	<u>65,000</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATE

NOT REPORTED..65,000

July, 1960.....	551,148
August, 1960.....	440,317

